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YOUNG LIBERALS MEET.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the above Association was held at Forester's Hall on Monday evening the 21st inst.

prevailed.

A debate on the relative merits of the United States and Canada as fields for emigration formed a most interesting part of the programme. The interests of Canada was championed by Mr. Jack McLeod, while the star spangled banner was

The honours were about equally divided between the two youthful debaters, the ability displayed by each of them being a source of surprise to the older members.

The programme further consisted of songs and speeches the most notable being Mr. F. A. Sinclair's song and Mr. W.

After the remarks of the critic the proceedings terminated the hour being very late.

The unanimous verdict of those present being that the pleasantest place you can spend an evening in Prince Albert is within the "Young Libs."

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Chas. Adams has taken the contract to supply the H. B. Co. with 100 cords of wood.

and has sent in teams this week.

It is about time parties having cattle ou

should look them up.

Joe Adams and J. G. Sanderson have gone out to Birch Hills to locate.

The ward school at St. Andrew's has again opened at Andrew Spence's, with M

W. Gerrond as teacher, the school at S Andrews being closed in the meantime.

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION.

Aunt Sarah Felt as If She Had Lost Her Wings.

Not long since, says the Washington Post, an old colored auntie came to the capital from a small town in Virginia.

to cook for a gentleman who had known what an expert she was in pro-

known that an expert she was in preparing toothsome dishes since his boyhood. The employer was on the sport

ing order, and knowing the old woman to be of a deeply religious nature, he

took care to keep her in ignorance of the fact that she was to provide meals

for a festive club where draw poker was the nightly programme.

For a few days things went on swimmingly. The habits of the place

praised the cooking to the skies, but their good living was not to last. Aunt Sarah discovered by accident that the

people whose palates she was pleasing were an irreligious lot and that those

were an irresponsible lot, and that they were habitual card players. The discovery appalled her. Rushing into the

room where a dozen men were intent on a jack-pot she shouted:

"I'm goin' right back home. You kin git another cook dis very day, Marse

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LIFE IN RUPERT'S LAND

By JAMES STEWART.
TWENTY-FOURTH PAGE.

The dogs were sent to a distant island in the lake, where they were kept by an Indian whose employment was to fish for the benefit of the dogs. When in the fall the ice became sufficiently strong enough for them to walk upon they were returned to the fort. The dogs of the Hudson's Bay Company were of a good-breed. From the Indian cur were a mongrel breed. At Beren's River we had about thirty dogs which required a good many fish to support. Again if we had more fish than the dogs could eat we had a crowd of Indian women and children around the post who were ready to catch upon the way of surplus fish. It was not long before the dogs were sent to the island. It was so rough that we could not go out to the nets. In a case like that, instead of our usual quantity of fish, we generally took an extra smoke of tobacco and laid down in sweet contentment and moralized upon the uncertainty of all things, especially the weather.

The dogs in the old Hudson's Bay Company times, and a set put to more use than travelling in trading with Indians. In places where no cattle or horses were kept they did duty in hauling firewood and even building igloos. There were thirty dogs here a week out of the month which would be quite a good deal for a small party. In the war we had to haul our firewood chiefly at Beren's River. We had a dog sled here I think two or three and a bull. I used to draw wood with the bull, but he was a rather unmanageable beast, and we had not a few quarrels, for he had a custom on the road home to stop at a little tilt, and very often leave the sled or wood scattered here and there by the roadside. The dogs were more tractable and could at all times bring the sled home in safety. My chief work, however, at Beren's River was fishing. I liked the business very well, only we had a rough weather on the lake, sometimes, which was troublesome as well as dangerous, for after a storm we were used to find our nets full of driftwood and rotten sticks which took some time to clear out. In the fall of the year we used to catch a great many ducks in the nets, who in diving after the fish got entangled in the nets.

In the fall of the year when the cold weather set in we took up the nets and waited until the ice set fast and then went to work and set our nets under the ice, which was done in this fashion: As soon as the ice on the lake was strong enough to bear us up we took our dogs and sleds and went into the woods and got a goodly number of pine boughs which we planted in the ice on the lake about fifty yards apart, which was to guide us in and out to the fishing grounds which we cut out the often times into the lake. Without this precaution we would certainly lose our way in stormy weather when the snow drifted so much that we could hardly see fifty yards ahead of us.

The manner of setting our nets under the ice was by cutting holes in the ice about five or six feet apart, and then passing a long pole under the ice to which was attached a line. This pole was then shoved from one hole to another under the ice while the line was drawn under to the length of two nets. After this being done the nets were made fast to the end of the line, while one man took the line on his shoulder and walked along on the ice, while the other men pulled on the net. The middle hole made in the ice, which were made to pass the line from one end to the other were not used after this, only the two end holes were opened every day in order to examine the nets and take out the fish. At the main end where the nets were drawn up and the fish taken out were a number of poles set in a circle in the ice around the hole over which was thrown a bough or boughs skin tent to protect us from the piercing wind which taking up the nets for this had to be done with the line hands. When the nets were to be drawn out the holes were opened, at both ends, the line made fast to the end of the nets while the other end of the line was made fast to a stick to prevent it slipping into the water and thus losing the chance of getting our nets set again. After the nets were overhauled and the fish taken out, one man went and hauled on the line while the other set the net. We had generally twelve nets in the water, with six sets of holes to attend to. Two of these nets were taken in every day to be washed and mended so that each net got washed and mended once a week.

The ice here generally set fast about the tenth of November and our fishing season for the winter was from that time until the middle of February. From the middle of February until the break up of the ice in the spring was the season for travelling in looking after the Indians, and seeing what the chances were of a good season for fur, for this was the main object for which we were there.

Fishing in winter was rather a slavish occupation. On account of the great distance we had to go we had to get up about four o'clock in the morning and mend our nets during which time the kettle was on the fire with a whitefish for each which was cooked during the time we mended our nets. As soon as we had hurriedly finished our meal we hitched up the dogs and started out. No matter what the weather was we had to face the storm. On some occasions it was a matter of impossibility to reach our destination, one way or another, without freezing some part of our hands or face. The last exposure of ears or hands rendered them liable to be nipped by the frost. At times our faces would be striped like the skin of a marten with places where the frost had caught hold of us. My ears and nose greatly suffered the most, but I have got some severe bites on the hands too. The frost is so insidious that one very often gets bit without knowing it. It is not generally the place that feels cold that is most

liable to be caught but the place where you do not feel it at all. The severest nip I ever got was one day when working late hauled taking the nets out of the water, when the thick fleshy part of my left hand, which is as solid as a lump of ice, which I did not get properly thawed out until I returned home in the evening. I remember severe burns and did not get properly healed up until spring. It was quite late every day when we got home from our fishing grounds, so much so that our first duty was to pack away our fish we brought home, into snow, in the storeroom.

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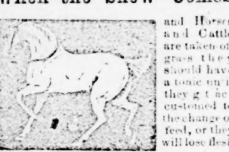
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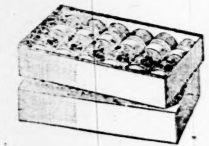
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